

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Lavington: Canceled... by the State

Jindera:

| Weekday Mass Times: | | Lavington | Jindera |
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| Mon | 30 | Weekday | No Masses |
| Tues | 31 | Weekday | |
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| Thur | 2 | Weekday | |
| Frid | 3 | St Gregory | |
| Sat | 4 | Weekday | |

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ADORATION /NOVENA Saturday morning

- 8:00 am: Holy Rosary
- 8:20 am: Confessions
- 9:00 am: Novena & Benediction
- 9:15 am: Holy Mass

ST. VINCENT de PAUL alt. Monday 5.30 pm

MOTHER'S GROUP meets to pray on

Wednesdays at 2 pm - Barb 0419617101.

LEGION of MARY - Tuesday 1pm, Wednesday

3:30 pm- lay missionaries.

MAJELLAN for MUMS - on Tuesdays 10.45

CATECHESIS of the Good Shepherd - Mondays

contact Angela tel. 0427063934.

SACRAMENT PENANCE / CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:20 - 9am, 5 - 6pm & before all Masses.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that
you keep for those who fear you.

✠ **FOR THE SICK** that they may be comforted and helped by God's healing power, let us pray to the Lord - Lisa Chandra, Harold Black, Annie Gosstray, Jan Szakacs, Lorraine Mullavey, Greg Jackson, Pat McCormack, Linda Wilson, Margaret Smith, Joan Sattler, Marisa Bertazzo, Leo Sullivan, Clinton Northey, Elizabeth Young, Stephen Hitchings, Grahame Miles, Kateri Byrnes, Des Ratcliffe, Liam Scott, June Cox, Greg Wright, Carol Collins, Margaret Gawen, Helen Hurst, Norma Oates, Andrew Ryan, Jeffrey Dean, Sr. Frances Kennedy FCJ, Jackie Scull, Jovit Genato, Sime Ledenko, Barbara Skiba, Sheleagh Walker, Gary Harris, Matthew Mander, Anne Weisner, Suesanna Trevaskis, Jim Edmondson, Mary Cooper, Brian Cooper.

✠ **FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED & those whose anniversaries occur about now that they may be granted eternal peace, let us pray to the Lord** - Eileen Mitchell, Des Corbett, Ron Terry, Fr. Peter Caruana, Jim Gavin, Di Wood, Reg I'Anson, Sr Mavis Hanlon, Nina Zallocco, Tamara Kapishnikova Stan Lechmere, Mervyn Holmes, Wardieh (Rose) Tamer, Stephen Booth, Anne de la Rue, Matt Kirwan, Ken King, Vin Gibson, Frank Fiske, Kath Thistleton, Matt Kirwan

✠ **ANNIVERSARIES:** Ella Spinelli, Michael Hudson, Connie Dean, Joseph Hnatio, Zefferina Zanardo, Hayley Mitchell, Jodie Mitchell, Adele Benkowski, Dorothy Mullavey, Francesco Presutti, Michael McDermott, Kathleen Quinn, Peg O'Callaghan, Robert Allen, Jack O'Donnell, Tony Packer, Michael Ablazej, Garry Shephard, Pauine Hollens, Johanna Poorts, Marie Witt, Bon Daly, Maria Carnovale, Frank Westblade, Mercedes Vitug, Victorina Flores



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Mass parts in Hymn Book - page 128. First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: St James 1:17-18

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. So do away with all the impurities and bad habits that are still left in you - accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7: 1-8 Glory to You O Lord

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing

of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



■ **WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

Covid Restrictions: NSW Government has closed Churches until further notice; see the website for Sunday homilies & updates.

Requiem Mass for Eileen Mitchell on Monday 30th August at 11:30 am: livestream link here:

www.ovrlstream.com.au/mitchell

Ember Day: next Friday being the first one of Spring is a special day of Penance and Prayer in Australia.

Holy Communion: at Lavington for any children - public schools - is October 17th: covid permitted: workbooks to be completed at home.

Letters to MPs: to support life and dying with dignity; see the Bishop's Pastoral Letter so as to petition your M.P. re. Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation imminent next month.

H.S School First Holy Communion: TBA on another day: may God bless the children & their families.

Retirement Village Unit: available nearby in O'Connell Gardens; 2 bdrm in friendly Christian surroundings - contact the parish for details.

Deacon Connell Perry: ordination to priesthood on Sat. 11th September in Wagga. First Mass on Sunday 10 am Mass Lavington - with reception to follow in hall.

Legion Centenary: celebrations on Sunday 19th September from 2 pm with blessing of the Grotto and afternoon tea.

Esencia Life Centre: for hope, help & healing; esencialifecentre.org; 60407910; for those in need 24/7 Pregnancy Help Australia 1300139313

Sacramental Candles: ideal as special gifts, check out the website: sacredcandles.com.au tel. 0403619044

By The Book on 3/326 Griffith Rd. open Tues -Sat morning. A large range of Christian books available. Ideal present for everyone.

Autoscreen: Buy your next windscreen from Brosolo Brs, Lavington, tel. 60252443

Accounting: *Suryan* Chandrasegaran of Albury Accounting Pty Ltd for all tax and accounting needs on 60412010.

Be ambitious for heaven - clean the heart!

What a wonderful thing it would be if we could wash our sins away in the shower; if we could become pure in God's eyes with the right kind of *spiritual soap!* Unfortunately, even the 'deep-cleansing' concoctions which teenagers use to rid themselves of troublesome skin problems just won't reach down deep enough to get rid of sin. The Pharisees and Scribes of today's gospel were pre-occupied with ritual purity which centred on the external action of ritual washing. In other words, they were meant to 'sanctify' or 'make holy' everyday activities. "Listen to me, all of you, and understand" said Jesus. "Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean."



If all sin comes from the heart, from our inner selves, then the battleground of the spiritual life must also be the human heart. If we are to have peace, love, forgiveness, purity, faithfulness and so on in the world, we need to have peace, love, forgiveness, purity, faithfulness and so on in our hearts.

Faithfulness to Sunday Mass, our great act of worship of God, must always come first. Then, a good life, regular confession, daily prayer, penance, study of the faith & perseverance. Conversion of heart usually takes time and effort but God's merciful help is always waiting for us. His *grace* can get down into those 'hard to reach' places within us, and give us a purity and beauty which only he can bestow.

How to receive a Holy Communion to make you holier!

- be a practising Catholic;
- be free of mortal sin; *[Confessions before Mass and other times];*
- be fasting for one hour beforehand;
- be prayerful in your thanksgiving.

HOLY PURITY x 3

- of body - sensual drives
- of mind - thoughts in the mind
- of soul - desires of the heart

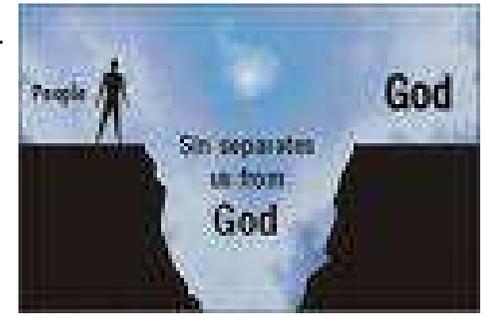
Purity of mind makes for holiness of body, insists Augustine. Thus, what really matters is not the holiness of one's state of life but one's interior disposition. The following are the three game tactics for the integration of purity:

- Know yourself: flaws & all;
- Be not deceived;
- Avoid all temptations.



Crutch or Cross ?

Some view Church as a support for those who cannot cope with living, somewhat like crutches are to the injured. Our Catholic faith is needed by us, yet in a different manner. A crutch is what one leans on but a cross rests on us. Religion is not an excuse to help us cope but a response that gives life, and life at a price. For the cross that rests on us wears down the pride, lust, selfishness, anger and envy of our egos. Gold needs fire to purify it, our souls need the cross so that we are cleansed and made holy in preparation for heaven.



NUPTIAL HUMOUR

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the ceremony, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen" the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had such an answer. "What makes you think that?" he asked. "Easy" the boy replied. "All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

FIND the WORD

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